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LB 782 is drawn up and submitted by the Nebraska Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association. They sponsored this bill. They're behind it 100 percent. This will, as Senator Swigart says, have a bearing on every sheriff's office in the State of Nebraska, not just Omaha.

I don't have any.... At this point I'd like to ask a question of Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KIME: Senator Chambers, who drew up this bill and who asked you to sponsor it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What bill, 432?

SENATOR KIME: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have my own mind and I'm able to judge situations and make evaluations. After having hearings, during the interim with the Government Committee and various cities in the state and having two in Douglas County with the sheriff present, it was decided that this bill was necessary to deal with the situations and conditions that existed at that time. Nobody told me to draft it. I'm not anybody's mouthpiece. Is that sufficient answer?

SENATOR KIME: Yes, that answers my question. Gentlemen, you can hear now who drew up this bill and who sponsored it. LB 432 ... 782 was drawn up by the sheriff's and peace officers of the entire state. They are the ones that are going to have to take care of your criminals or anything like that.

This bill.... Before the sheriff could call his special deputies he would have to give public notice of a declaration of an emergency, publicly post that notice. If the public knows about any emergency like that the criminals are sure ... they'll also know it and they'll be able to take any evasive action that they might want to to avoid these various deputies that come out.

I think Senator DeCamp touched on some of the things that these deputies do. They have people there that.... They have specialists on ... special deputies that are reserve deputies such as dentists, doctors, fire equipment people, photographers, anybody who is an expert in firearms. These people will train these special deputies along with the Nebraska Law Enforcement people. They will have not less than 80 hours.

In Sheriff Janning's organization he has a jeweler who can identify various jewels, rings, such as that sort, engineers and the scuba divers that DeCamp mentioned ... Senator DeCamp mentioned.

This bill, 432, will curtail and hold back the sheriff's organizations in this state. They will not be able to use them until after a crime ... whoever is committing the crime, the criminal, is gone. When the sheriff wants these people he wants them right now. He don't want to have to stop, post a public notice, tell everybody he wants them and then call it.